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Federal Opportunities

STILL OPEN. Community Collaborations to Prevent Youth Violence and Promote Youth Development. *The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)* announces funds to implement Youth Violence Prevention projects that target three areas: (1) geographically or socially defined youth populations ages 0-21; (2) violence towards or by females; or (3) mental health services for youth with justice system involvement. Eligible applicants include domestic public and private nonprofit entities, state or local departments of juvenile/criminal justice, mental health courts, and community-based and faith-based organizations. The deadline is January 22, 2003. Approximately \$4 million is available to fund up to 8 awards for each category. For further information contact Steve Hudak at (301) 443-9666 or shudak@samhsa.gov. This grant is subject to “Intergovernmental Review”

under EO 12372.

Environmental Education Grants Program. *The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* announces funds to support environmental education projects to increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provides skills to make informed decisions and take responsible actions. Eligible applicants include any local education agency, state education or environmental agency, college or university, and nonprofit organizations. The deadline is February 14, 2003. Approximately \$3 million is available for this program. For further information, contact Sally Hanft at 1-800-424-4372 or (206) 553-1207.

Environmental Education Projects in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. *Department of Commerce (DOC)/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)* announces funding for education projects in the following areas: Chesapeake Bay or Stream Outdoor Experience and Professional Development in Environmental Education for Teachers within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Eligible applicants include K through 12 public and independent schools, institutions of higher education, community-based and nonprofit organizations, state and local government agencies. The deadline is January 16, 2003. Approximately \$925,000 is available. For further information, contact Seaberry J. Nachbar at (410) 267-5664 or seaberry.nachbar@noaa.gov. Also see: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgrtxt/02-31697.txt>. This grant is subject to “Inter-governmental Review” under EO 12372.

Improvement of Postsecondary Education - Special Focus Competition. *The Department of*

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Education (DOED) announces funds to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in post-secondary education. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies. The deadline is April 11, 2003. Approximately \$300,000 is available to fund 10 awards ranging from \$30,000 to \$200,000. For further information, contact DOED at (202) 358-3041 or fipse@ed.gov. Also see: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/02-31691.txt>. This grant is subject to "Inter-governmental Review" under EO 12372.

STILL OPEN. Young Offender Reentry Program. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)* announces funds to provide substance abuse treatment and reentry services to sentenced juveniles and young offenders returning to the community from the criminal justice system. Eligible applicants include public and domestic private nonprofit entities, State and local governments, courts, community-based and faith-based organizations. The deadline for application is January 17, 2003. Approximately \$6 million is available to fund 12-14 awards ranging from \$300,000 to \$500,000. For further information, contact Steve Hudak, (301) 443-9666, shudak@samhsa.gov. This grant is subject to "Inter-governmental Review" under EO 12372.

District Opportunities

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtm for the following notices:

The DC Commission on National and Community Service (DC CNCS), AmeriCorps Program, due January 17, 2003.

Foundation Opportunities

Nonprofit Sector Support. *The Surdna Foundation* focuses its giving in five areas: 1) The Environment, specifically transportation and energy, urban and suburban issues, and biological and cultural diversity; 2) Community Revitalization, which takes a comprehensive and holistic approach to restoring communities in America; 3) Building an Effective Citizenry, to advance social and emotional learning, enhance conflict resolution theory, practice and expand opportunities for service and citizenship, and support character development and ethical behavior; 4) The Arts; and 5) The Nonprofit Sector. The foundation is particularly interested in fostering catalytic, entrepreneurial programs that offer solutions to difficult systemic problems. Letters of Inquiry, the first step in the application process, are accepted at any time. For more information, go to: <http://www.surdna.org>.

Smoking and Youth. *The DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation* announces funds for the "W.A.Y. Too Cool to Smoke!" program. This youth-led initiative provides leadership development skills, mentoring and technical assistance to DC youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The goal of the project is to educate youth on the dangers of tobacco and to empower them to fight against the targeting of youth by tobacco corporations. Eligible applicants include organizations that serve the five targeted populations: 1) Adjudicated/Literary Needs Youth; 2) Asian American/Pacific Islander Youth; 3) Latino Youth; 4) Gay/Lesbian/Transgender/Bisexual/Questioning Youth; and 5) Teen Parents. The deadline is January 22, 2003. One service grant will be awarded in each category of targeted populations; each award will be \$12,000. A Bidder's Conference will be held at the Josephine Butler Parks Center, 2437 15th Street, NW, at 10am on January 8, 2003. The RFP is available online at: www.cyitc.org - click the "W.A.Y. Too Cool to Smoke!" link. For additional information, contact Simone Castillo at scastillo@cyitc.org.

Resources & Announcements

eTraining Scholarships. *The Verizon Foundation* is offering eTraining Scholarships for nonprofit staff to

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attend Technology Works For Good software application training classes. The Verizon eTraining Scholarship program is targeted at nonprofits with annual budgets under \$500K, but any 501(c)3 organization may submit a request. It's easy and fast to complete the online Scholarship application at the Verizon Foundation Web site, where you select the Technology Works for Good class session from the list provided for the District of Columbia. Decisions are rendered quickly via e-mail, within only 72 hours of your request. Your approval voucher number from Verizon Foundation acts as your payment for your class. Some other rules and guidelines apply, so for complete details visit the Verizon eTraining Scholarship Web page:

http://www.technologyworks.org/education/verizon_etraining.php. The Verizon Foundation online system is available to take your online Scholarship applications starting January 1, 2003. If you have questions about eTraining scholarships or the training schedule, contact Monique Hudson at (202) 234-9670 or training@technologyworks.org.

Executive Order on Faith-Based Initiative.

President Bush has signed an executive order that will make it possible for churches and faith-based groups to receive federal money for programs that address social problems even if those organizations consider religion in their hiring practices. The order informs federal agencies that faith-based groups are to be treated the same as other groups regardless of their hiring practices and further states that service providers contracted by the federal government cannot be denied funding because they display religious icons such as crosses or menorahs. For more information, see: www.fbc.gov.

Master Business License Deadline Extended. *The DC City Council* voted to extend the grace period for obtaining a Master Business License (MBL) to May 31, 2003, for all individuals and organizations doing business in the District. The extended grace period will go into effect immediately. For information on the Master Business License program, visit the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) web site at www.dcr.dc.gov - or contact the MBL Info Center at (202) 442-4311 or mbi.infocenter@dc.gov.

TechLearn Seminar. *Technology Works for Good*, along with sponsor *Gifts in Kind International*, is

presenting a free seminar to help nonprofits save time and money on technology resources. The seminar will take place on Thursday, January 30, 2003, from 2:00-5:00pm at the America Online Inc. – Dulles, VA campus. It is free and open to all 501(3)c nonprofits, but pre-registration by January 20, 2003 is required. For more information and to register online, go to: <http://www.giftsinkind.org/uwncaoverview.htm>. You can also contact Keisha Ramsey at (202) 488-2125 or gik@uwnca.org and Anne Williamson at (703) 836-2121 or awilliamson@giftsinkind.org with any additional questions.

www.TouchDC.org. Area nonprofits are invited to partner with the Touch DC Coalition to encourage people in the Washington area to become loyal contributors to regional nonprofits through e-philanthropy. Take the following steps to be part of this partnership:

- Tell your story. Anecdotes, statistics, or outcomes that demonstrate your organization's effectiveness can be featured on the TouchDC website and in the public relations campaign. Send information to TouchDC@washingtongrantmakers.org.
- Update your organization's listing in the GuideStar database, offered through Network for Good.
- Post your volunteer opportunities in the VolunteerMatch database, offered through Network for Good.
- Equip your own website with a free "Donate Now" button that will make e-philanthropy quick and easy.
- Provide electronic transfer information to speed up receipt of your on-line donations.

Detailed instructions are available at: www.networkforgood.org and click on "nonprofit resources."

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